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in the Baltic Area

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The following sighting reports of Soviet naval vessels in the Baltic area

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Subject

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A one-page report of the sighting of a probable SVERDLOV-class cruiser maneuvering in the Gulf of Finland

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A two-page report of the sighting of a probable SVERDLOV-class cruiser and a SKORYY-class destroyer in the Gulf of Finland

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A two-page report of Soviet naval vessel sightings in the Leningrad-Kronshtadt area including a Soviet naval vessel with one short funnel, estimated length 350 feet, twin turrets both forward and aft, and torpedo tubes between the masts. The vessel was at anchor with a large, practice battle target made fast astern; a sketch of the described naval vessel is included.

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A one-page report of the sighting of a probable Z-class submarine at Kronshtadt. Sketches of the submarine are included.

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Russian Warship Manoeuvring in Gulf of Finland

1. [redacted] a large warship was observed 50X1-HUM  
manoeuvring in the Gulf of Finland.

2. Sea Area [redacted] 50X1-HUM

59° 41' N 23° 07' E. Course varying. Speed about ten knots.

About six to seven miles south of "H". Course 070°.

Speed 10½ knots.

Good visibility.

Unimpeded.

One almost amidships aft of the bridge. One further aft.

Both vertical.

Could not be seen clearly as distance too great.

About 600 to 700 feet approximately.

One tripod rising from bridge. One tripod just forrard  
of aft funnel.

Break about three quarters of ship's length aft.

Two forrard. Two aft. Number of guns unknown.

Appeared as well as could be seen to be flying Russian flag.

3. [redacted] describing this vessel [redacted]  
[redacted] as a Sverdlov class cruiser.

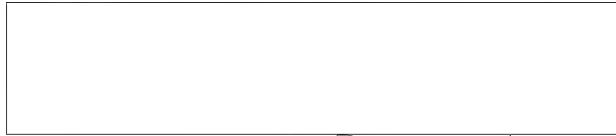
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one large and one smaller warship

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were observed exercising in the Gulf of Finland.

2.

Sea Area



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About six miles south of "Y". Course and speed various.

59° 34' N 24° 04' E. Course 070°. Speed 10 knots.

Good visibility.

Unimpeded.

Two, one almost amidships abaft of the bridge. One further aft. Both vertical.

About 600 to 700 feet approximately.

One tripod rising from bridge. One tripod just forrard of aft funnel.

Break about three quarters of ship's length aft.

Two forrard. Two aft. Number of guns unknown.

On both masts but details could not be clearly observed.

Appeared as well as could be seen to be flying Russian colours.

3.



Two. One abaft the bridge. One further aft.

Both slightly raked.

350 to 400 feet approximately.

One tripod just aft of bridge and one tripod just forrard of aft funnel.

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Sharply defined break almost level with forrard funnel.

One forrard. Two aft. Number of guns unknown.

[redacted]  
Appeared as well as could be seen to be flying Russian  
colours.

4. [redacted]  
[redacted]

5. [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] described in para 2. as a Sverdlov type cruiser  
and that in para 3. as a Skory type destroyer.

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[redacted] a Russian warship was seen at anchor with  
a large battle practice target made fast close astern.

Sea Area [redacted] (See sketch No.1)

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At anchor  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Leningrad Light Vessel.

En route to Leningrad

Good visibility.

One short squat funnel.

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Estimated at about 350 ft.

One pole mast rising from bridge, one pole mast further aft.

Break under bridge.

Two twin turrets forward, two twin turrets aft.  
Calibre estimated as 4.5".

Torpedo tubes between masts.

Radar scanner on top of foremast.

2. On passing Kronstadt [redacted]

[redacted] three large and two small submarines in the Merchant Harbour. [redacted]

3. [redacted] a large Russian warship [redacted] was seen

berthed stern to the wall in the Central Harbour with three smaller warships  
on the inside. A large warship identical [redacted] was seen under repair

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at the far eastern end of the central harbour. [redacted] this  
vessel used to lie in the centre of the harbour with scaffolding round the

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bridge and masts but the scaffolding had now been removed and the vessel moved to its new berth.

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4. [REDACTED] three large submarines proceeded up river towards Leningrad [REDACTED]

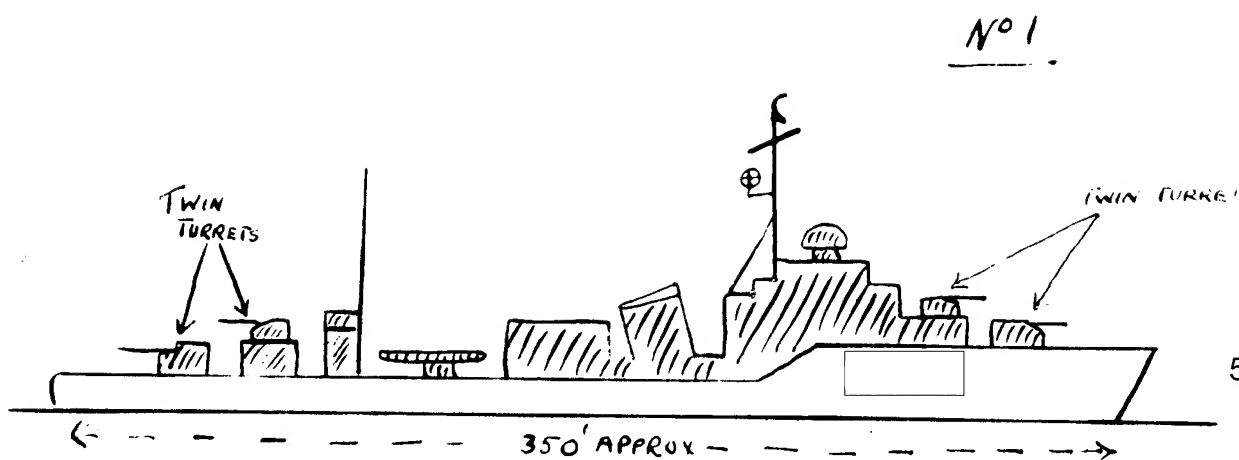
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Russian submarine in KRONSTADT

Whilst on passage past Kronstadt Harbour

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sighted a large submarine berthed in the Merchant Harbour.

Sea Area (see sketch)

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Berthed bows to jetty in merchant harbour Kronstadt

Outward bound from Leningrad.

Good visibility.

Conning tower about 30 ft. long and 20 to 25 ft. high.

Flush hull tapering sharply to water.

Appeared to be newly painted light grey.

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Approximately 300 ft long.

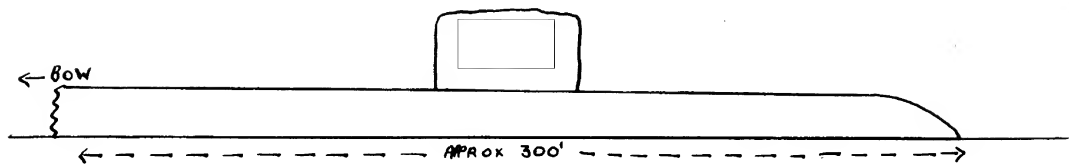
2. Several other submarines were present in the harbour

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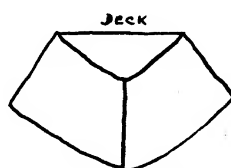
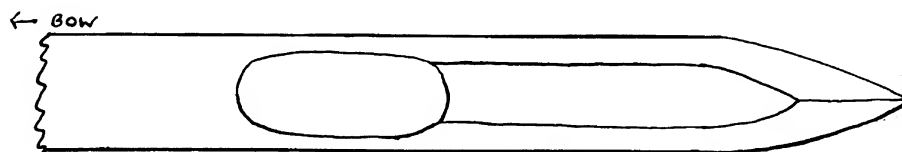
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